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Comment: Northeast NPR-A Planning Area

Dear Northeast Planning Area,

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I am asking you to protect the Teshekpuk Lake and other important wildlife areas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, one that protects more special fish, wildlife and subsistence hunting areas and includes more protective stipulations. As a minimum the BLM should adopt Alternative A, the "No Action" Alternative.

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The new plan for the northeast area of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska proposes to open 96 percent of the area to oil and gas development and reduce protections for critical wildlife habitat of Teshekpuk Lake by 75 percent. This is a complete reversal of Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 1998 plan, in which 87 percent of the planning area is open to leasing and 600,000 acres are off limits around Teshekpuk Lake to protect important habitat and subsistence use for caribou and waterfowl.

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Birds

I understand that if this area is opened to oil development the existence of thousands of waterfowl and caribou, tens of thousands of birds, including brant, greater white-fronted geese, Canada and Snow geese becomes vulnerable.

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Instead of opening up more of the area to leasing and oil and gas development, the BLM should provide a more balanced, science-based approach to energy development and environmental protection by permanently protecting the Teshekpuk Lake and Colville River Special Areas and strengthening monitoring and lease stipulation requirements.

Sincerely,

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Attached: None